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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Michael Wassenegger, et al.
Application No. : 09/782,874 Confirmation No. : 6565
Filed : February 8, 2001
For : NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING
POLYPEPTIDES HAVING THE ENZYMATIC ACTIVITY
OF AN RNA-DIRECTED RNA POLYMERASE (RdRP)
Group Art Unit : 1638
Examiner : Georgia L. Helmer

New York, New York 10020
May 20, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002. With the extension, a response is due on or before May 20, 2003. A check in the amount of \$465.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s)

transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same,
to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this
Petition is enclosed herewith.

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